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1. FOLLOWING FYI.

2. INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO US HERE INDICATES THAT:

A. SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE IN NUMBER OF SOVIET TANKS IN GDR IS RESULT OF GRADUAL AUGMENTATION RATHER THAN A RECENT MAJOR INTRODUCTION OF NEW EQUIPMENT. OVER NUMBER OF YEARS, SOVIETS HAVE BEEN REPLACING T-54 AND T-55 WITH T-62 TANKS, WITHOUT WITHDRAWING OLDER MODELS. SOME SOVIET UNITS APPARENTLY HAVE BEEN REORGANIZED TO INCREASE THEIR ARMOR STRENGTH. EXCESS OF T-54 AND T-55 TANKS HAS BEEN STOCKPILED OR, IN SOME INSTANCES, TRANSFERRED TO GDR FORCES.

B. STATIONING OF SAM-4 MISSILES IN GDR DOES NOT RPT NOT REPRESENT NEW DEVELOPMENT.

C. LEVEL OF SOVIET TROOPS IN GDR AT ANY GIVEN TIME DIFFICULT TO ASSESS BECAUSE ROTATION SOMETIMES INVOLVES OVERLAPPING OF INCOMING AND OUTGOING PERSONNELKLEIN

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